

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the patent application as follows wherein new text is indicated with underlining and deleted text is indicated with ~~striketrough~~ or with [[double-brackets]]:

1. (Currently Amended) A [[live]] interactive digital programming system, said [[live]] interactive digital programming system comprising:
 - a viewer television reception system for receiving [[live]] interactive programming, the [[live]] interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals, the reception system comprising:
 - a first input, said first input for receiving said [[live]] interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;
 - ~~a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals;~~
 - a viewer interface for receiving user input from a viewer, said user input from said viewer requested as an interrogatory when an interactive program begins or when said viewer first tunes in said interactive program;
 - a microprocessor, connected to the viewer interface, for selecting at least one of the video, audio, or graphics signals from said first input ~~or second input~~ and directing a switch to the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals, the selection of the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals a function of the branching codes and the input from the viewer;
 - a decompressor/decoder, for decompressing the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals; and
 - a means for outputting the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signal.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input corresponds to different predetermined camera angles of an event.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the microprocessor selects one of the graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the input from the viewer, and further comprising a means, connected to the microprocessor, for presenting the selected graphics signal on the display means.

4. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the outputting means presents at least one interrogatory to the viewer, the content of the interrogatory involving program options, and the input from the viewer correspond to collected input from the viewer via the viewer interface in response to the interrogatories.

5. (Currently Amended) A [[live]] interactive digital programming system, said [[live]] interactive digital programming system comprising:
a viewer television reception system for receiving [[live]] interactive programming, the [[live]] interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals, the reception system comprising:
a first input, said first input for receiving said [[live]] interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;
~~a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals;~~
memory, said memory for storing a set of answers from a viewer to an interrogatory, said interrogatory presented when an interactive program begins or when said viewer first tunes into said interactive program profile;

a microprocessor, for selecting at least one of the video, audio, or graphics signals from said first input ~~or second input~~ and directing a switch to the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals, the selection of the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals a function of the branching codes and the stored set of answers viewer profile;

a decompressor/decoder, for decompressing the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals; and

a means for outputting the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input correspond to different predetermined camera angles of an event.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the microprocessor selects one of the graphics signals at a predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the viewer profile, and further comprising a means, connected to the microprocessor, for presenting the selected graphics signal on the display means.

8. (Currently Amended) A [[live]] interactive digital programming system, said [[live]] interactive digital programming system comprising:

a viewer television reception system for receiving [[live]] interactive programming, the [[live]] interactive programming comprising a plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes, and Internet addresses, the reception system comprising:

a first input, said first input for receiving said [[live]] interactive programming comprising a stream of said plurality of digitally compressed video, audio, branching codes and graphics signals;

~~a second input, said second input comprising a connection to a computer network for receiving digitally compressed video, audio, and graphics signals using said Internet addresses;~~

a viewer interface for receiving viewer entries, said viewer entries requested as an interrogatory when an interactive program begins or when said viewer first tunes in said interactive program;

a means, connected to the viewer interface, for processing, said processing means for selecting at least one of video, audio, or graphics signals and directing a switch to the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals from said first input ~~or second input~~, the selection of the at least one video, audio, or graphics signals a function of the branching codes and the received viewer entries; and

a means for outputting the selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals.

9. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 8, said [[live]] interactive digital programming system further comprising:

a decompressor/decoder, for decompressing the demultiplexed selected at least one video, audio, or graphics signals.

10. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the plurality of digitally compressed video signals from said first input correspond to a different predetermined camera angle of an event.

11. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the outputting means displays at least one interrogatory to the viewer, the content of the interrogatory involving program options, and the viewer entries correspond to collected entries from the viewer via the viewer interface in response to the interrogatories.

12. (Currently Amended) The [[live]] interactive digital programming system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the [[live]] interactive programming further comprises a plurality of graphics signals and the processing means selects one of the graphics signals at a

predetermined time, the selection of the graphics signal a function of the branching codes and the viewer profile.

13. – 17. (Cancelled)